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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**HENRY COUNTY RESIDENT CHARGED WITH
PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DICK L. NOEL, 52, Middletown, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for producing child pornography (three counts) and possessing child pornography, following an investigation by the Indiana State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The indictment alleges that Noel produced child pornography on three separate occasions involving a boy only identified as John Doe born in 1996. Noel produced the child pornography between January 2004 and June 2005. Additionally, the indictment alleges Noel possessed numerous images of child pornography on August 8, 2005.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, NOEL faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 30 years on each charge of producing child pornography and up to 10 years for possessing child pornography years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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